

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 727 - SB 1443

April 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (007534): Requires a local education agency (LEA) to obtain the written, informed, and voluntarily signed consent of a student's parent or legal guardian, or the student if the student is 18 years of age or older, before the student participates in a survey, analysis, or evaluation, unless, in its fullness, it is related to classroom instruction of a curriculum or is distributed to students as a method of evaluating the effectiveness of such. Requires a parent or legal guardian who wishes to excuse the parent's or legal guardian's student from participating in a health screening provided as part of a coordinated school health program to submit a request in writing to the student's school nurse, instructor, school counselor, or principal. Requires an LEA or public charter school to obtain written, informed, and voluntarily signed consent of a student's parent or legal guardian, or the student if the student is 18 years of age or older, before the student receives instruction of a sexual orientation curriculum or gender identity curriculum and prohibits penalization for grading purposes for exclusion from such. Authorizes a student's parent or legal guardian, or the student if the student is at least 18 years of age, to withdraw the parent's, legal guardian's, or student's consent at any time before the student participates in the survey, analysis, evaluation, or sexual orientation or gender identity curriculum. Prohibits a school from allowing a minor student to become a member of a club or organization, or allowing a minor student to participate in any activity of a club or organization, unless the student's parent or legal guardian first provides consent to the student's membership or participation in a dated, written consent.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- LEAs and charter schools will be able to amend their policies and comply with the requirements within existing resources. Any fiscal impact is considered not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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